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(Far right) Cmdr. David Hulse, Commanding Officer, USS O'Kane (DDG 77), gives his remarks as crewmembers and guests look on.

(Right) A USS O'Kane (DDG 77) officer stands at attention at the ship's bow during the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer's commissioning ceremony last Saturday.

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USS O'Kane (DDG 77)
Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer

Ship's Motto
A tradition of honor

Ship Characteristics
Displacement: 8,593 tons
Length: 505.3 feet
Beam: 66.5 feet
Draft: 21 feet
Speed: 30-plus knots

Keel laid
May 11, 1997

Christened
March 28, 1998

Arrived in Pearl Harbor
Oct. 15, 1999

Commissioned
Oct. 23, 1999



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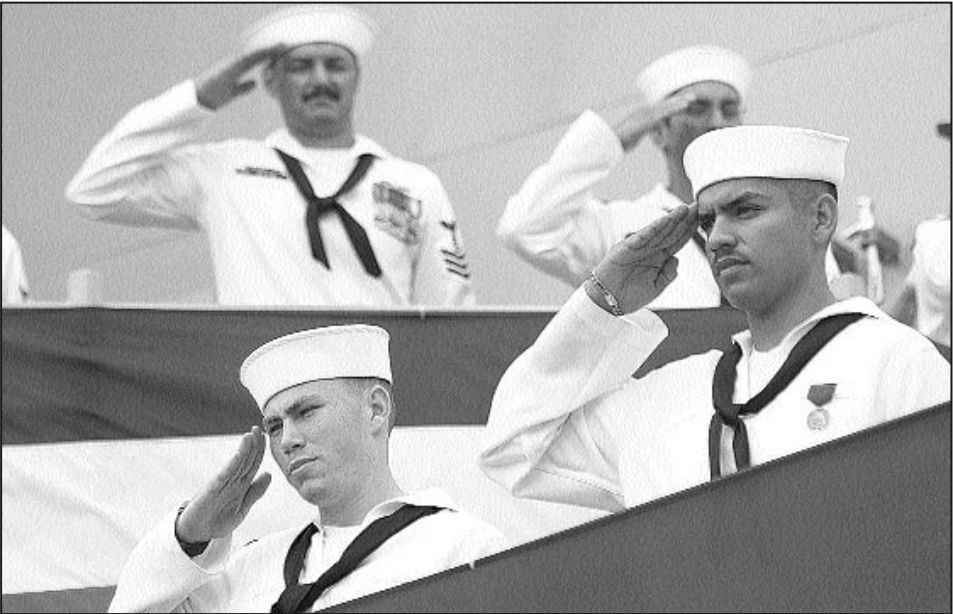
(Above) Ernestine O'Kane, wife of Rear Adm. Richard O'Kane receives a lei and congratulations on the commissioning of the ship in her husband's honor.

(Above right) Lt. Sterling Dawling, USS O'Kane's (DDG 77) weapons officer, receives the ceremonial "long glass" from Marsha O'Kane-Allen - daughter of the ship's namesake - and sets the ship's first watch.

(Right) USS O'Kane (DDG 77) crewmembers salute while manning the rails during the ship's commissioning ceremony in Pearl Harbor last Saturday.



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